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Re App : Reginald Charles Allsopp  
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Dated: March 23, 2004      Respectfully submitted,

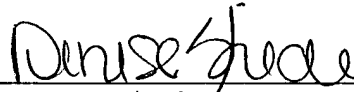
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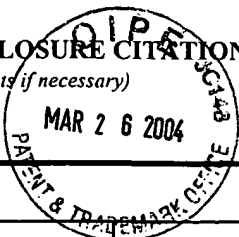


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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,361,822	11/1994	Nijs			
		2003/0085003	05/2003	Cheng			
		5,375,643	12/1994	Rude			
		4,865,109	09/1989	Sherman			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
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		EP 0 481 688	10/1991	Europe				

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